



## Local Children Write Pen Pals

Two classes at Torrance Elementary School are getting first-hand information about how America's northern neighbor, Canada, lives from some "pen pals" their own age in that country.

Children in Mrs. Fern Springer's first grade and James Clemenger's fourth grade are exchanging letters and drawings with children of their own age at Simon Fraser School in Vancouver, Wash. One of the classes is that of Miss Mary Barrett, exchange teacher in Canada from Walteria School. The Torrance woman also arranged for another Canadian fourth grade class to exchange letters with Clemenger's class.

"My name is Annie. I am in the second grade. I am six years old. Our class is reading

Spick and Span. We have a caterpillar in our room," one of the letters from Canada informs the Torrance youngsters.

Classes Exchange

It is just such bits of information that the two classes are exchanging with the Canadian children. Other letters describe the American and Canadian flags, and the children drew pictures of the flags. Other subjects covered in the letters ranged from the games they played to what the soldiers in the two countries wear.

Both Mrs. Springer and Clemenger report that the exchange of letters has not only improved their students' letter-writing (several of Clemenger's students won prizes in the All-America City contest), but has stimulated the children's interest in Canada.

The youngsters eagerly await the latest reports from Canada, which to adults, sound like any child's letter, but which are quite interesting to the children.

Letters from the Simon Fraser School indicate that it is located in a poorer section of town. Miss Barrett said that the school is often warmer than the youngsters' home, many of which are unheated. During the winter, many of the children there have colds.

For this reason, Mrs. Springer's class sent boxes of cleaning tissue to each child for Christmas, together with handkerchiefs that each youngster had hemmed, and a package of chewing gum.

Miss Barrett Named

The idea started when Miss Barrett was named an ex-

change teacher last year. She and Mrs. Springer had shared a classroom, due to double sessions at Walteria School and became good friends. They decided that it might be interesting for the Torrance and Canadian children to trade ideas. Mrs. Springer pronounced the idea a success.

"Ordinarily, first graders don't study foreign countries, but this has made it lots of fun for them. They keep all the letters and pictures in a scrapbook and are eager to get more," she said. Clemenger also reported that his classes enjoy learning more about America's northern neighbor. He has a bulletin board display of the work in his room.

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**CENSUS COUNT**

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**PEN PALS** . . . Members of two Torrance Elementary School classes which are exchanging letters with fellow students in Canada locate Vancouver, British Columbia, on the globe, while they look at some of the letters which they have received. Taking part in the discussion are Franklin Blount, Lynn Williams, Cathie Wilson, Carol Ann Boots, Steven Miller, Patsy Hardin, Frederick Babb, and Billy Keith. The children exchange both letters and drawings about their activities.



**PREPARING FOR MARCH** . . . Mrs. W. H. Malone (right) field representative for the Mothers March on Polio from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and Mrs. Glenn Rusted of north Torrance prepare to run through training film on the Mothers March for volunteers preparing for the campaign. Mothers all over Torrance will be out at the end of this month collecting contributions door-to-door in the battle against polio.

### WINTER BASKETBALL

#### Kenny Shoes Open Adult League With Fat Scores

Kenny's Shoe Repair, Burchfield Rug Works and the Inglewood IbeX basketball team posted wins in Torrance Recreation Department City Leagues opening games, played last week in Torrance High Boys' Gym.

In the opening game Dave Dana potted nine field goals, good for 18 points and lead Kenny's Shoe Repair to a one sided 71-15 win over the newly formed Carbide Chemical quintet. Bill Crawford was high man for the losers, picking up six counters from his guard position.

Bob Moon swished 22 points to top the Burchfield scoring attack in the rug workers 43-30 victory over Knolls Drug Store, in the second game of the evening. Big Gerald Balster dunked 10 points for the pill dispensers from his center position. The losers closed an eight point half-time gap to a mere three with a 15 point outburst in the third period, only to see the victors pull away on a 13 point effort in the final frame.

Five iron men went the full distance for Wright Ambulance, matching baskets with a powerful Inglewood IbeX until the final period before wilting under a 48-36 score. Forward Jerry Ott was the big gunner for the winners, with 17 points. Harold Holmes and Avery Bryant kept the nets sizzling for the losers, scoring 15 and 13 points respectively.

Knoll's (30)	Burchfield (43)
Malone (8) . . . . . F . . . . . O'Call (3)	Anderson (2) . . . . . F . . . . . Weiss (13)
Balster (10) . . . . . C . . . . . Moon (3)	Higgins (1) . . . . . G . . . . . Sousa (0)
Jackson (0) . . . . . G . . . . . Moon (2)	Reserves—Knoll's Drug Store: L. Hartline, V. Clary, Nick Dellan (9).
Burchfield Rug Works: T. Burchfield (2), H. Phillip (0).	Knoll's Drug Store . . . 7 5 15 3-36
Burchfield Rug Works 10 12 8 13-45	

### COBALT DEMAND

The manufacture of jet engines has greatly increased the demand for cobalt, an essential material.

### ISLAND AREA

The Azores in the Atlantic ocean comprise 888 square miles in area and they still belong to Portugal.

Inglewood (48)	Wright (35)
Ott (17)	F . . . . . Holmes (15)
Torkala (7)	E . . . . . Bryant (13)
Great (10)	C . . . . . Mapel (0)
Evans (6)	G . . . . . Smith (4)
Lawrence (2)	G . . . . . Roberts (0)
Reserves—Inglewood IbeX: W. Turball (0), Al Johnson (6), Wright Ambulance, none.	
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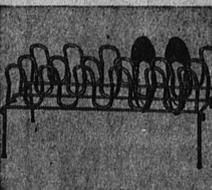


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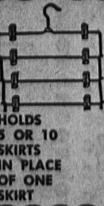
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Boyd (1)	G . . . . . Christanson (8)
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